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SUBJECT: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: LETTER FROM THE  
SECRETARY

1. PLEASE ARRANGE WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S SECRETARIAT FOR  
DELIVERY OF TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY  
TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT WE  
WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THE SECRETARIAT WOULD GIVE A  
COPY OF MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, THE ACTING CHIEF  
OF STATE. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT PLANNED TO SEND SIGNED  
ORIGINALS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: GOVERNOR SCRANTON HAS  
INFORMED ME OF THE WARM AND USEFUL TALKS HE HAD WITH YOU,  
PRIME MINISTER DIOUF AND FOREIGN MINISTER SECK DURING  
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HIS RECENT VISIT. I CONSIDER HIS TRIP AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT

IN THE DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES WITH  
SENEGAL AND THE NATIONS OF AFRICA AND WELCOME THE  
SERIOUS AND OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH HE HAD WITH YOU AND  
OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS. I ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATE THE CORDIAL  
RECEPTION GIVEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE WITH REGARD TO  
OUR CONTINUING AND MOST VALUABLE EXCHANGE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

IN DAKAR, GOVERNOR SCRANTON DISCUSSED SEVERAL ISSUES OF  
IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE LIKELY  
TO COME UP IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE UN  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND AT THE ASSEMBLY ITSELF. OF  
PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US ARE THE QUESTIONS OF  
PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. I WANT TO REINFORCE WHAT  
GOVERNOR SCRANTON SAID BY PERSONALLY STATING THE  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THESE TWO SUBJECTS.

ON PUERTO RICO, OUR POLICY IS BASED ON COMPLETE  
ACCEPTANCE OF PUERTO RICO'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.  
THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO APPROVED THEIR CONSTITUTION  
AND COMMONWEALTH STATUS IN 1952, AND REAFFIRMED THAT  
CHOICE IN A 1967 REFERENDUM. THE UNITED NATIONS  
EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED THE SELF-GOVERNING STATUS OF  
PUERTO RICO AND REMOVED PUERTO RICO FROM THE LIST OF  
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES IN 1953. WE ASSURED  
THE UNITED NATIONS AT THAT TIME THAT, IF THE  
PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATURE SHOULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN  
FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE, THE  
PRESIDENT WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE CONGRESS THAT  
INDEPENDENCE BE GRANTED.

IN VIEW OF THIS, DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO'S STATUS  
BY ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OR ASSEMBLY WOULD BE  
AN UNWARRANTED INTRUSION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF  
THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO. THE UNITED STATES  
CAME INTO POSSESSION OF VARIOUS NON-SELF-GOVERNING  
TERRITORIES AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS CENTURY, AND EACH  
HAS BEEN ABLE TO CHOOSE THE COURSE IT WISHED TO  
FOLLOW. THE PHILIPPINES CHOSE INDEPENDENCE IN 1947;  
HAWAII CHOSE STATEHOOD; AND PUERTO RICO CHOSE A  
SPECIAL COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US WHICH  
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CONTINUES TO EVOLVE. SO LONG AS THE PEOPLE OF  
PUERTO RICO WISH TO CONTINUE THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH  
THE UNITED STATES, ANY DISCUSSION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP  
IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS CAN ONLY BE OFFENSIVE TO US  
AND THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO. PRESIDENT FORD MADE  
THIS POINT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IN JUNE WHEN HE  
VISITED PUERTO RICO AND SAID THAT THOSE WHO MIGHT  
BE INCLINED TO INTERVENE IN OUR FREELY DETERMINED

RELATIONS SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD BE  
CONSIDERED INTERVENTION IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF  
PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES. I AM SURE THAT  
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND OUR STRONG FEELINGS IN THIS  
MATTER.

WITH REGARD TO KOREA, WE DO NOT, AND WE BELIEVE  
MOST UN MEMBERS DO NOT, WISH TO SEE THE KOREAN

ISSUE BECOME AGAIN A WASTEFUL CONTROVERSY  
DIVERTING THE ENERGIES OF THE UNGA. HOWEVER, IF  
IMPORTANT GROUPS WITHIN THE UN MEMBERSHIP ACCEDE  
TO PRESSURES TO ENDORSE THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION--  
SUCH AS ABOLISHING THE ARMISTICE MACHINERY OR ALTERING  
THE MILITARY BALANCE WHICH HAS PRESERVED PEACE FOR  
23 YEARS--IT IS ALMOST INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL BE  
FACED WITH A CHALLENGE IN THE UNGA TO WHICH WE WILL  
BE OBLIGED TO RESPOND ENERGETICALLY. FOR THIS REASON,  
I BELIEVE STATESMEN WOULD DO A SERVICE TO PEACE AND  
STABILITY IN THAT AREA BY ADVOCATING A CONCILIATORY  
POSTURE BY THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND THE RESUMP-  
TION OF THE DIALOGUE TO WHICH THE PARTIES AGREED IN  
1972.

ON JULY 22 I PUBLICLY RENEWED MY PROPOSAL FOR A  
CONFERENCE OF INTERESTED PARTIES ON KOREA SUGGESTING  
THAT IT TAKE PLACE THIS FALL AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS  
BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY. I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE CAREFUL  
AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THIS PROPOSAL AS IT  
MAY RELATE TO FUTURE INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATION  
OF THIS ISSUE. AMBASSADOR AGGREY WILL PROVIDE YOU  
WITH THE TEXT OF MY PROPOSAL.

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SINCE THERE IS WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UN A WIDE  
RANGE OF VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA, I WOULD  
APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTING CONTENTIOUS  
POSITIONS FROM EMERGING ON EITHER ISSUE AT COMING  
MEETINGS; IN THE FIRST CASE BY AVOIDANCE OF THE  
ISSUE ALTOGETHER, AND IN THE SECOND BY SUPPORTING A  
POSITION ENUNCIATING GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH CAN  
PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR CONCILIATION OF THE KOREAN  
PARTIES. RESPECTFULLY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO TREAT FOREGOING AS PRIVILEGED,  
PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCOURAGE  
GOS FROM RELEASE IF ISSUE IS RAISED.

4. YOU SHOULD HAVE PRESIDENT'S PUERTO RICO SPEECH

(STATE 159509) AVAILABLE IN EVENT THERE IS INTEREST  
IN SOURCE OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT TO WHICH MESSAGE  
REFERS.

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